MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there would be any objection if that hour is utilised for drill or for music instruction ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): For a student who is going for an examination in History, drill would be a bad preparation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any objection in the non-Mahommedan students doing drill while the Mahommedan students are attending prayer classes ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is the same objection. Doing drill is as important as learning History.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member that a walk from the school to the mosque would not be a sufficient exercise for Mahommedan students ?

PRESIDENT: We will ask the Drill Instructor to appear here next time.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is there any proposal to change the hour of attendance in the Science College ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Reduction of School fees.

109 ***MR. J. M. JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the aggregate amount of loss per year in fee income caused by the recent reduction of fees in (i) the aided schools in the State, (ii) in the aided English Schools only ;

(*b*) the name of the aided English School which has suffered the heaviest loss and the amount of the same per year ;

(*c*) whether representations have been made by the managers of the aided schools about the financial hardship caused in their schools by this measure ; and

(*d*) what answer the Government gave to them ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) (i) Rs. 2,20,624.

(ii) Rs. 2,02,130.

(*b*) S. D. V. English High School, Alleppey—Rs. 4,812 per year.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The whole question of compensation is under consideration and Government hope to be able to provide some form of assistance to schools which have really been seriously affected by the reduction of fees, keeping in view particularly the need for not reducing teachers' salaries.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*), I want to know from the Government whether the sum of Rs. 4,812 is the amount accruing from what is stated, the debit balance, for the year's accounts of that school or whether it is the loss per year.

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Does the Honourable member mean the loss by reduction of fees or the difficulty in running the school?

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): I mean the aggregate loss per year caused by the reduction of fees.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is, yes.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): With regard to answer to part (*d*) it is said that Government hope to be able to provide some form of assistance to schools which have really been seriously affected by the reduction of fees. May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that in some cases reduction of salaries have been resorted to or effected?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Government is aware; but that does not affect the answer. If compensation is to be paid the salaries must be restored.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): I want to know if any manager of the aided school has been informed about the reduction of the teacher's pay.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, a number of managers have informed the Director about reducing their teacher's pay. Some of them have not informed him. But the Director has other means of finding out.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): Has the Director approved of their action?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In some cases the Director has approved of their action and in other cases he has disapproved.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the staff of any school in which reduction of salary was effected made representations to the Director?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) Yes, representations were made frequently.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether any compulsion is exercised upon the manager to conduct the grant-in-aid schools by the Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why the managers conducting grant-in-aid English Schools should be compensated?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Because Government reduced the fees.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I mean in the case of those managers who have suffered loss seriously by the reduction of fees.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Pubic Instruction*): It comes practically to this, that it will be given as grant-in-aid to schools as a result of the defecits incurred by them owing to reduction of fees.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are at liberty in closing the schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, they are at liberty.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government would take up the work of conducting the schools and undertaking.....

PRESIDENT: If no schools are closed? Hypothetical questions are not allowed.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether he has received any information from the management of S. D. V. English High School, Alleppey, regarding the cut in the salary of the teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have received information that no cut has been made.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether there are any schools in which there is no deficit in spite of the reduction of fees?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There are such schools.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether in such schools also compensation will be allowed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Certainly, Government will not give compensation if the management is found to have no deficit by the reduction of fees.

Assistant Inspecting officers in the Education Department.

110 *MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Assistant Inspectors and Assistant Inspectresses in the Education Department;

(*b*) how many of them have been appointed newly, since the beginning of this school year (1934-35); and

(*c*) whether any South Travancore Christian was appointed as Assistant Inspector or Inspectress if so, how many; if not, why not?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 33

(*b*) 12.

(*c*) Yes; 2.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), have all these people been selected from among the staff of the Education Department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No, not quite all of them. There was one selected from outside.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): May I know from the member from which office they were selected for the post?

MR. R. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): You mean those taken from outside or those taken from inside?

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